

Message

From: Febbo, Carol [febbo.carol@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/15/2020 11:20:11 AM
To: Hall, Kristen [hall.kristen@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions from E&E and NBC

Ok. Thanks Kris! Carol

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On Jan 15, 2020, at 6:19 AM, Hall, Kristen <hall.kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm not sure what's happening here. We had been working with both Roy and David yesterday. I think communications were confused at some point. Thanks for forwarding.

Kris

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From: Febbo, Carol <febbo.carol@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 6:18 AM
To: Hall, Kristen <hall.kristen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions from E&E and NBC

Thanks Kris. Can you please let Roy and/or David S know because for some reason they are coming to me (ARD). I want to help but I'm not really involved. I just want to make sure they are touching base with you and are getting the best info. Thanks. Carol

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On Jan 15, 2020, at 6:04 AM, Hall, Kristen <hall.kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Carol, We've been working with the press office to answer this inquiry.

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From: Febbo, Carol <febbo.carol@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Sternberg, David <Sternberg.David@epa.gov>
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Kelly, Jack (R3 Phila.) <Kelly.Jack@epa.gov>; Arnold, David <arnold.david@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions from E&E and NBC

David, Roy Seneca discussed this inquiry with me this afternoon while I was on

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From: Sternberg, David <Sternberg.David@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Augustine, Bruce <augustine.bruce@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions from E&E and NBC

Looping in Donna, and Bill.

From: Sternberg, David

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 12:12 PM

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Not sure what data he is referring to, Is this TRI? Thoughts?

From: R3Press <R3Press@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 10:15 AM

To: Sternberg, David <Sternberg.David@epa.gov>

Cc: White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions from E&E and NBC

Dave,

Just noticed this query in the box. Must have came in just after I checked it yesterday. I know we provided the response to the reporter, but I wasn't certain if we knew he was also pitching it to NBC News.

r/ Jeff Landis

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From: Corbin Hiar <chiar@eenews.net>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 7:29 PM

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Subject: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions from E&E and NBC

Hi, I'm working on a story with NBC News about public health dangers posed by the consistently high benzene emissions from the PES refinery that's set to run Wednesday morning.

EPA data show that the refinery exceeded the benzene emissions limit for all but 12 weeks from the end of January 2018 to late September 2019 -- an 86-week span. For the most recent quarter, the refinery's average annual benzene emissions were also 49 micrograms per cubic meter. That was higher than any other refinery that reported data to EPA and five times above the agency's benzene "action level." Former EPA officials say the action level isn't sufficiently protective of public health and that EPA should have done more to ensure the refinery stays well below that emission threshold.

What is EPA doing to reduce the PES emissions, which actually increased after the explosive fire? Why hasn't EPA done more to address the problem and protect nearby residents -- many of whom are people of color living below the poverty line -- from the carcinogenic gases? Why hasn't EPA, whose regional headquarters are only three miles from the refinery, informed the public about PES's significant benzene problems?

Please get back to us with any comments by the end of Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Thanks,
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